GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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RED FLAG EXERCISE
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Air Force took part in the Red Flag Exercise held in the USA in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the expenditure incurred thereon; and

(d) the extent to which the Indian Air Force has been benefited from this exercise?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 130 FOR ANSWER ON 27.10.2003

The Indian Air Force (IAF) participated in Exercise Red Flag 08 at Mt Home and Nellis Air Force Base in United States of America (USA). Ferry out for the exercise commenced on 7 July 08 and de-induction took place with effect from 25 August 08. Eight Su-30MKI fighter aircraft,two IL-78 Air-to-Air refueling aircraft, one IL-76 staging aircraft, participated in the exercise, along with 91 IAF officers and 156 Airmen, which included a ten member Garuda Squad.

2. An expenditure of Rs. 55.73 crores approximately was incurred on this account.

3. Participation sn the exercise allowed the IAF to fly against multiple types of platform and evaluate their capability in a realistic scenario.The exercise provided exposure to realistic, combined and composite training in mission planning and execution in a simulated high threat multi emitter combat environment.The exercise was tailored to expose inexperienced crew members to the first 10 missions of an air war.It provided realistic training in a networked environment,which is a significant leap forward in flying training for IAF.Instrumented exercise air space ensured that maximum training and learning value was derived from each operational mission.